(d) Visa for going to Pakistan is issued by the Pakistan High Commission. India presented a draft proposing amendments to the present India-Pakistan Visa Agreement during the visit of former External Affairs Minister to Pakistan from 2-5 October 2005. The draft envisages further liberalisation of the visa regime between the two countries. Pakistan has not given its response to this draft visa agreement.

(e) The bus service from Amritsar to Lahore commenced from 24 January 2006. Four hundred and seventy-five passengers have utilized this bus service in the Indian bus both ways till 30 April 2006.

Agreement with Tazakistan

3532. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the topics on which agreements were signed between the Government of India and Tazakistan in April, 2006 when Indian Prime Minister visited that country;

(b) whether any Joint Commissions of the two countries were set up to monitor the progress regarding the implementation of the agreements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The Prime Minister visited Uzbekistan from 25-26 April 2006 (and not "Tazakistan"). The following Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were signed:

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on establishing the Uzbekistan India Entrepreneurship Development Centre at Tashkent;

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India and the National Holding Company "Uzbekneftegaz" of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the field of Oil and Natural Gas;

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation between the Ministry of Coal and Mines of Republic of India and the State

Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Geology and Mineral Resources;

(iv) Memorandum of Cooperation between GAIL (India) Limited and Uzbekneftegaz;

(v) Work Plan for 2007 under the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the field of Agricultural Research and Education between the Department of Agricultural Research and Education of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(vi) Memorandum of Understanding between State Trading Corporation of India and O'zbekyengilsanoat State Joint Stock Company of Uzbekistan;

(vii) Memorandum of Understanding between Delhi University and Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies.

(b) and (c) India and Uzbekistan established an Inter-Government Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IUIGC) in 1992. The 6th meeting of the IUIGC was held in New Delhi on 7-8th March 2006. This Inter-Governmental Commission has been meeting regularly and monitors the implementation of a wide range of mutually agreed activities and agreements.

Restoration of democracy in Nepal

3533. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of talks held between the King of Nepal and Prime Minister's special envoy who visited the Himalayan Kingdom in April last with special reference to the restoration of democracy in the Kingdom; and

(b) the follow up action taken/proposed to be taken by the two Governments to implement the decisions arrived at during the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) During his audience with the King of